

Dynamic Cropping Systems: Principles, Processes, and Challenges

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EXAMPLE:

Sclerotinia disease on canola, crambe, safflower and sunflower as influenced by previous crops

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Abstract

Canola (*Brassica napus* L.), crambe (*Crambe abyssinica* Hochst. ex R.E. Fr.), safflower (*Carthamus tinctorius* L.), and sunflower (*Helianthus annuus* L.), were evaluated for natural infection by *Sclerotinia*.....

Introduction

The fungus, *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* (Lib.) De Bary, causes Sclerotinia stem rot on canola and crambe, sclerotinia stem rot and head rot (head blight) of safflower and sunflower (Farr et al., 1989; Nyvall, 1999).

Materials and Methods

Field plots were located 8 km from the Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory, southwest of Mandan, North Dakota, USA. During the first year,

Results and Discussion

Although disease incidence was low, *Sclerotinia* head blight on safflower ranged from

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